

**PARISH OF AVOYELLES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Avoyelles is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	38,031	2,683,516
1960	37,606	3,257,022
1970	37,751	3,644,637
1980	41,393	4,205,900
1990	39,159	4,219,973
1991	39,215	4,251,560
1992	39,566	4,287,195
1993	40,236	4,295,477
1994	40,536	4,315,085
1995	40,567	4,339,352
1996	40,801	4,350,579
1997	41,102	4,351,769
1998	41,860	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Avoyelles are as follows:

YEAR	BUNKIE	COTTON PORT	EVER GREEN	HESSMER	MAN SURA	MARKS VILLE	MOREAU VILLE	PLAUCHE VILLE	SIMMES PORT
1960	5,188	1,581	325	433	1,579	4,257	815	228	2,125
1970	5,395	1,862	307	454	1,699	4,519	807	224	2,027
1980	5,364	1,911	272	743	2,074	5,113	853	196	2,293
1990	5,044	2,600	283	578	1,601	5,526	919	187	2,092
1991	5,044	2,618	283	582	1,589	5,503	935	195	2,095
1992	5,068	2,124	283	583	1,601	5,626	935	195	2,125
1993	5,054	2,209	283	594	1,610	5,699	945	194	2,128
1994	5,069	2,235	283	596	1,649	5,731	964	275	2,140
1995	5,076	2,256	283	619	1,679	5,846	964	276	2,142
1996	5,064	2,247	309	635	1,762	5,897	973	307	2,140
1997	5,075	2,271	309	643	1,783	6,017	975	288	2,145
1998	5,075	2,288	310	639	1,720	6,087	983	302	2,145

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$9,812	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$10,227	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$11,318	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$12,388	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$13,450	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$13,907	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$14,369	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$14,609	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Avoyelles Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$163,829	\$61,855	\$6,795	\$14,689	\$5,655	\$32,613
1992	\$171,513	\$62,389	\$6,586	\$15,759	\$7,581	\$31,896
1993	\$174,789	\$62,656	\$6,567	\$17,165	\$7,936	\$30,478
1994	\$231,218	\$67,872	\$13,574	\$37,647	\$8,075	\$56,152
1995	\$253,170	\$70,412	\$14,378	\$37,266	\$8,185	\$63,074
1996	\$268,306	\$69,705	\$13,188	\$40,252	\$8,865	\$67,377
1997	\$275,962	\$71,245	\$14,010	\$40,683	\$9,837	\$71,666

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Avoyelles as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
AVOYELLES PARISH	3		3	4	7
BUNKIE	3	1.5	4.5	4	8.5
COTTONPORT	3	1	4	4	8
MANSURA	3	1	4	4	8
MARKSVILLE	3	2	5	4	9
MOREAUVILLE	3	1.5	4.5	4	8.5
PLAUCHEVILLE	3	1	4	4	8
SIMMESPORT	3	2	5	4	9

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

(In Thousands)

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$17,846	\$19,172	\$20,482	\$21,062	\$22,090
February	\$16,198	\$16,666	\$17,726	\$18,559	\$19,599
March	\$13,654	\$15,857	\$16,808	\$17,775	\$18,766
April	\$18,994	\$19,512	\$20,427	\$21,415	\$22,476
May	\$18,260	\$18,750	\$19,965	\$20,705	\$21,809
June	\$16,631	\$17,566	\$18,939	\$20,778	\$21,807
July	\$17,985	\$20,361	\$21,397	\$22,585	\$23,795
August	\$16,743	\$19,039	\$19,788	\$22,315	\$23,273
September	\$17,019	\$19,030	\$20,358	\$22,304	\$23,509
October	\$17,946	\$20,949	\$22,224	\$23,107	
November	\$18,400	\$19,294	\$19,878	\$20,820	
December	\$16,213	\$17,318	\$17,915	\$18,950	
Annual Total	\$205,889	\$223,515	\$235,907	\$250,374	

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Avoyelles is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$43,725,760	\$35,961,020	\$79,686,780
1991	\$44,079,180	\$36,122,410	\$80,201,590
1992	\$46,735,950	\$36,423,620	\$83,159,570
1993	\$48,571,540	\$36,728,760	\$85,300,300
1994	\$51,253,350	\$37,256,280	\$88,509,630
1995	\$51,375,590	\$37,843,520	\$89,219,110
1996	\$55,763,770	\$38,526,610	\$94,290,380
1997	\$60,844,060	\$39,083,210	\$99,927,270
1998	\$59,826,040	\$39,852,480	\$99,678,520

Source: Avoyelles Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$58,111,360	\$9,510,240	\$12,065,180
1991	\$58,004,280	\$9,799,290	\$12,398,020
1992	\$59,324,230	\$11,140,340	\$12,695,000
1993	\$59,637,620	\$12,525,020	\$13,137,660
1994	\$60,984,030	\$14,224,600	\$13,301,000
1995	\$61,639,330	\$13,577,260	\$14,002,160
1996	\$64,498,420	\$15,125,210	\$14,666,750
1997	\$65,585,420	\$18,879,070	\$15,462,780
1998	\$66,862,830	\$17,654,960	\$15,160,730

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Avoyelles follows:

Year	Millage
1990	30.06
1991	30.06
1992	35.39
1993	33.46
1994	33.47
1995	33.46
1996	36.09
1997	36.09
1998	36.09

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Avoyelles Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Avoyelles in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. CENTRAL LA. ELECTRIC CO., INC.	\$5,779,870
2. CENTRAL LA TELEPHONE CO.	\$2,494,860
3. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATION	\$2,307,690
4. ALLEN CANNING CO.	\$1,960,140
5. HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK	\$1,744,400
6. COTTONPORT BANK	\$1,690,930
7. KOCH GATEWAY PIPELINE CO.	\$1,111,460
8. COMM-CARE CORP.	\$1,020,170
9. UNION BANK	\$1,118,700
10. TUNICA-BILOXI INDIANS OF LA.	\$1,086,680

Source: Avoyelles Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Avoyelles Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	7320	6953	7289	7043
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	7678	7320	7625	7474
PUBLIC	7395	7596	7662	7622

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Avoyelles Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$22,624	\$22,123	\$26,400	\$28,678
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$3,842	\$4,007	\$4,369	\$4,624
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$315,246	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,563,889
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,777,779	\$1,886,466	\$1,211,881	\$1,212,572
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$29,497,145	\$29,766,455	\$31,864,142	\$34,276,579

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.